

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Action/Discussion Item:

705 KAR 4:250, Energy Technology Engineering Career Pathway regulation, Ordinary and Emergency Versions

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

2007 HB 1

Action Question:

Should the Kentucky Board of Education approve the emergency and ordinary versions of 705 KAR 4:250?

History/Background:

This year the Kentucky General Assembly passed legislation that establishes tax incentives for alternative-fuel and renewable-energy plants to locate in Kentucky, as part of a comprehensive plan to put Kentucky in the forefront of the nation's emerging energy economy. House Bill 1 gained final passage during a special legislative session of 2007. It directs the Kentucky Department of Education to create an energy-technology career track program that local school districts can offer to their middle and high school students. The bill provided for an appropriation of \$300,000 for FY 2007-08 to be distributed to local districts on a competitive basis to support this work.

Staff Recommendation(s) and Rationale(s):

Staff recommends that the KBE give approval to the emergency and ordinary versions of 705 KAR 4:250. This is necessary to enable the Kentucky Department of Education to immediately begin work on developing the energy technology engineering career path program and distributing planning and implementation grants to local school districts prior to end of the 2007-08 school year, consistent with the intent of the statute.

Impact on Getting to Proficiency:

KDE and local school districts have the responsibility to ensure that Kentucky's students have access to educational opportunities that maximize their learning experiences and prepare them beyond high school.

Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:

Local Superintendents Advisory Council (LSAC)

A letter to the Board will come from LSAC providing input prior to the December meeting.

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